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September 28, 2005

Mr. Greg Coker, Commissioner Mr. Mark David Goss, Chairman Ms. Teresa Hill, Vice Chairman Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Dear Public Service Commission Members:

I ask for your urgent review of the attached letter regarding Mallard Point Disposal Systems in Scott County.

Are my constituents who live in Mallard Point being treated fairly? If not, I ask that the Public Service Commission provide immediate relief.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Damon Thayer State Senator

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cc: Robert Warhus

Senator Damon Thayer State Capitol Annex Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Senator Thayer:

On June 23, 2005 Mallard Point Disposal Systems, Inc. filed for a rate increase with the Public Service Commission (Case No. 2005-00235). This increase of 49.57% from \$35.29 to \$52.78 a month is on top of a rate increase already granted by the PSC on May 27, 2004.

We are opposed to this increase. Listed below are some of the reasons we oppose this rate increase:

- This rate increase would result in the highest residential sewer rates in Kentucky. Residential rates for Delaplain Disposal and Longview Land Company, the two other private sewer companies in Scott County, are \$26.25 per month and \$21.38 per month respectively.
- Unsubstantiated expenses have been built into the rate proposal.
  - 1. Transportation Expenses of \$2,324. for an entity which does not appear to own or lease any vehicles.
  - 2. Rent on an Office at 118 South Broadway, Georgetown, KY which, so far as we can determine, is never open to the public.
  - 3. A salary of \$35,000 for the owner of MPDS.
  - 4. Between 2003 and 2004 notes payable as documented in MPDS's Annual Report to the PSC increased from \$488,322 to \$676,080. There do not appear to be any corresponding increases in assets or expenses that would account for this \$187,758 increase.
- We would expect that there should be some "economies of scale" and that as MPDS grew from 160 customers in 1992 to 376 customers in 2004 the increase in volume of 135% would help to offset some of the increases attributed to inflation. MPDS's rates will increase from \$22.18 in 1992 to \$52.78 in 2005, a 138% increase. The Consumer Price Index from January of 1992 until July of 1995 increased from 138.1 to 195.4 a 41.5% increase<sup>1</sup>. Our sewer rates are increasing 233% faster than inflation during the time period 2002-2005 ((138/41.5-1)X100).
- Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer Service (GMWSS) plans to construct a sewer line
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On August 15, 2005, the PSC issued an Order pursuant to which all requests for information from MPDS, the Applicant, are to be served on the Applicant not later than August 29, 2005. None of the rate payers seeking to intervene were notified of this Order by the PSC.

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We feel that rate payer participation in the previous rate increase process (Case No. 2003-00284) was instrumental in identifying serious issues within MPDS and resulted in a significantly reduced rate increase.

We feel that our rights as rate payers to actively participate in the rate increase process are being denied by the PSC which will result in adverse consequences to MPDS's customers.

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Consumer Price Index

All Urban Consumers - (CPI-U)

U.S. city average

All items

1982-84=100

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YEAR	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	HALF
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1914	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.1	
1915	10.1	10.0	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.3	
1916	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.8	10.8	10.9	11.1	11.3	11.5	11.6	
1917	11.7	12.0	12.0	12.6	12.8	13.0	12.8	13.0	13.3	13.5	13.5	13.7	
1918	14.0	14.1	14.0	14.2	14.5	14.7	15.1	15.4	15.7	16.0	16.3	16.5	
1919	16.5	16.2	16.4	16.7	16.9	16.9	17.4	17.7	17.8	18.1	18.5	18.9	
1920	19.3	19.5	19.7	20.3	20.6	20.9	20.8	20.3	20.0	19.9	19.8	19.4	
1921	19.0	18.4	18.3	18.1	17.7	17.6	17.7	17.7	17.5	17.5	17.4	17.3	
1922	16.9	16.9	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.8	16.6	16.6	16.7	16.8	16.9	
1923	16.8	16.8	16.8	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.2	17.1	17.2	17.3	17.3	17.3	
1924	17.3	17.2	17.1	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.1	17.0	17.1	17.2	17.2	17.3	
1925	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.5	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7	18.0	17.9	
1926	17.9	17.9	17.8	17.9	17.8	17.7	17.5	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.7	
1927	17.5	17.4	17.3	17.3	17.4	17.6	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.4	17.3	17.3	
1928	17.3	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.2	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.3	17.2	17.2	17.1	
1929	17.1	17.1	17.0	16.9	17.0	17.1	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.2	
1930	17.1	17.0	16.9	17.0	16.9	16.8	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.5	16.4	16.1	
1931	15.9	15.7	15.6	15.5	15.3	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.0	14.9	14.7	14.6	
L932	14.3	14.1	14.0	13.9	13.7	13.6	13.6	13.5	13.4	13.3	13.2	13.1	
1933	12.9	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.7	13.1	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	
L934	13.2	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.6	13.5	13.5	13.4	
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